



Ohio's Clean Diesel School Bus Fund New Grants Awarded, April 2015



For the spring 2015 grant cycle, Ohio EPA awarded two new grants to school districts for a total of \$55,886.00. These grants will install pollution control equipment onto 7 diesel school buses, and idle reduction technology onto 17 school buses. Ohio EPA estimates that these projects will reduce air pollution emissions by more than half a ton each year: 40 pounds of particulates, 302 pounds of carbon monoxide, 794 pounds of nitrogen oxides, and 64 pounds of hydrocarbons. These benefits will compound every year that the buses remain in service.

School bus retrofit grants are designed to protect schoolchildren and school bus drivers from the harmful pollutants in diesel exhaust. Projects are supported with funding from civil penalties collected by Ohio EPA for violations of Ohio's environmental protection laws, and a federal grant awarded to Ohio EPA from USEPA under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act. Since this grant program began in 2006, Ohio EPA has awarded more than \$8.3 million to install pollution control equipment on 2,622 school buses statewide, install idle reduction equipment onto 1,018 buses, and remove nearly 204 tons of pollutants from the air. The next grant application deadline will be October 15, 2015.

New grant recipients this cycle include:

River Valley Local Schools, Marion County, \$49,216 to install emission control equipment on three buses and idle reduction equipment on 17 buses. #B2015S-002. Contact: Lois Bowdre, (740) 725-5410 or lbowdre@rvk12.org

Seneca East Local Schools, Seneca County, \$6,670 to install emission control equipment on four buses. # B2015S-001. Contact: Tammy Feasel, (419) 426-2600 or tfeasel@se-tigers.com

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